

INFORMATION PAPER

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SUBJECT: FAO In-Country Training Program - Croatia

1. **PURPOSE:** To provide a summary of the FAO in-country training program and facilities available in Croatia to assist in selection and arrival time of replacement personnel. Projected in-country trainees should use the information provided to contact the incumbent trainee and/or FAO supervisor as early as possible for more detailed information.

2. **FACTS:**

a. Summary of Program:

(1) Tour Length - 12 months

(2) Normal Arrival/Departure Date – NLT 1 Aug thru July following year.

(3) Program Description - Attendance at the Croat Command and General Staff College located in Zagreb. CGSC Course usually runs January through June. In-country travel can be done during the first six months of ICT and during CGSC over short weekend trips, during academic breaks, or, if necessary, during the academic period.

(4) Prerequisites - Captain to Major, branch immaterial, Croatian language 2/2/2 minimum. Some Croatian is recommended for family members.

b. POV: Recommended, but not required. Be advised that maintenance and spare parts might be problems and are expensive. Advise against US models under warranty. Unleaded gas is readily available and inexpensive.

(1) Medical - The US Embassy Zagreb has a doctor on site. SFOR doctors also routinely rotate through the embassy.

(2) Dependent Schooling - K to 8 attend school at the American school in Zagreb. 9 -12 attend school in Switzerland.

(3) PX/Commissary – There are two mini-PXs in Zagreb due to the SFOR mission. The nearest “big” PX and commissary is in Aviano Italy. Some embassy personnel coordinate PX trips. Most goods are available on the local economy.

(4) Money – Pay includes COLA and HFP. Croatia is also a tax-free zone.

(5) Language Instruction Availability: Language instruction is available through the international school and/or tutors can be found through local government employment agencies (approx \$5 - \$10 hr).

f. Rating Chain:

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3. Additional Information

a. Bring Advanced Course, CAS3, and CGSC materials. ICT provides a good opportunity to complete them and they also serve to keep FAOs current on US doctrine.

b. FAOs should bring complete array of military uniforms.

c. Regional travel priorities

(1) Priority one: Croatia, Bosnia, Hungary, Romania, Austria, Italy.

(2) Priority two: Germany, Poland, Czech Republik, Bulgaria, Greece.

(3) Priority three: Macedonia, Switzerland, France, Belgium.

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